

MASS TIMES

Sunday 9:00 am
 Sun Vietnamese Community 11:30 am
 Sun Syro- Malabar Comm 7.00 am, 1.45 pm & 5.30 pm

Monday to Thursday (during Lent) 8.00am
Friday 9.00am
Saturday 9.00am
 Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm
 Public Holidays 9:00am

SACRAMENTS / DEVOTIONS

Confession/Reconciliation:
 Saturdays 9.45am onwards or by appointment

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:
 Fri & Sat 8.00am
Divine Mercy prayer: Friday 8.30am
Way of the Cross: Friday 6 pm.
Rosary: Saturday 8.30am
Novena: Saturday 9.25am
 (Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Pastoral Council Chairperson:
 Leonard Casey

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MASS ROSTER

Date/ Time	05/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	06/04/2025 Sun 09:00am	12/04/2025 Sat 17:30pm	13/04/2025 Sun 09:00am
Name of Week		5th Sunday of Lent		Palm Sunday
Commentators & PoF	John Szczepanski	Filipino Community	Lourdes Domilies	Niu Haungatau
1st Reader	<i>Volunteer Req</i>	Filipino Community	Jacinta Chow	Julia Leary
2nd Reader	Russel D'Lima	Filipino Community	Eugene Miranda	Taiapo Lafaele
Communion	Theresa Bennett or Rasika Kalaha Waltega	Heather Kelly & Andy Tibbitts	Sabrina Freitas	Sr Bridget & Albert Wolfram
Altar servers	Aaron & Rachelann D'Lima	Maya MacMenigall, Olivia Bridge	Christian D & Shavidhu Fernando	Lalith Pudota, Andrew Kurukuntala & Ragnar Ordono
Collectors	Theresa & John Bennett	Lotofusi Tuisaemo & Tina D'Souza	Finau Family	Felcy Kurukuntala & Andrea Solomon
Musician	Emmanuel Group	Filipino Comm	Charmaine D'Lima	Martin Ng & family
Laptop	Lara Miranda	Filipino Community	D'Lima Family	Ng Family
Offertory	Taliauli Family	Filipino Community	Miranda Family	Yuen Lo Family
Counters		Andy Tibbitts & Ian McCombe		Margaret Burke & Ju Lin Lim
Church Cleaning	St Marys Parents		Vietnamese Comm	
Flower Arrangements	Filipino Comm		Vietnamese Comm	
Morning Tea				

Please refer to the email with One Drive file for updates and changes.

IF you would like to volunteer for Mass, or role changes, please email Parish Office and Andv Tibbitts andvtibbittsnz@outlook.com

Last week's collection (incl Auto Payments): \$2463.5

Total Caritas collection to date: \$1165.00

Thank you so much for your kind generosity.

Kid's Korner Links

[5th Sunday of Lent](#)
[Where's the piccolo?](#)

The Parish is served by Redemptorist Missionaries
www.cssr.com, www.cssr.org.au

We welcome any visitors and new parishioners to our parish. If you would like to register, forms are available in the foyer or send an email to icpellerslie@gmail.com for the form.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We, the Parish of Immaculate Conception Ellerslie are God's people seeking God's purposes and fulfilling them through service, inspired by the Holy Spirit, assisted through the Intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary.



OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH

Parish Priest:
 Fr. Joseph V.J., C.Ss.R

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The 5th Sunday of Lent

5 / 6 April 2025

The Radiance of His Kindness.

Kindness holds immense value, leaving lasting impressions on our lives. While harsh treatment evokes bitter memories, acts of kindness are fondly recalled, offering comfort and support in any situation. This is especially true during vulnerable times, where kindness shines like a beacon of hope.

A poignant example comes from pre-World War I Eastern Europe. Amidst rumors of a pogrom, a Jewish community sought refuge in the rabbi's home during a bitterly cold winter. The rabbi, draped in a cloak, stayed awake all night, watching over the sleeping children. One boy, unable to sleep from fear and cold, received the rabbi's coat. Decades later, the man recounted how that simple act of kindness still warmed him.



Similarly, the Gospel portrays Jesus' kindness towards a woman caught in adultery. Instead of allowing her to be stoned, a likely outcome, Jesus' intervention spared her life and taught a valuable lesson to all present.

His kindness illuminated a potentially tragic situation, highlighting its transformative power.

The beauty of kindness lies in its enduring impact. Both receiving and giving kindness offer lasting benefits. A kind act received becomes a wellspring of comfort, while performing a kind deed brings a sense of sweetness to the giver's heart. Kindness, in its essence, enriches the lives of both the recipient and the giver.



Mass Readings

<https://universalis.com/nz.auckland/1300/mass.tm>

1st Reading

Is 43:16-21: I am doing a new thing and I will give drink to my people.

Resp Psalm

Ps 125: R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

2nd Reading:

Phil 3:8-14: Because of Christ I look upon everything else as useless in order to gain him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! (Joel 2:12-13)

Gospel:

Jn 8:1-11: Let the person without sin be the first to throw a stone.

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Lenten Renewal

As part of our Lenten Renewal, we invite you to a Parish Retreat on **Wednesday, 9th April, from 6:30 pm. to 8:00 pm.** The evening will begin with Mass at 6:30 p.m., followed by a talk at 7:00 pm., and conclude with Adoration until 8:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend this time of reflection and prayer.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

The Parish Lenten reconciliation service will be held on **Thursday, 10th April at 7:00 pm.** All are encouraged to make their confessions in preparation for the Easter.

Parish Working Bee will be on **Saturday, 12th April.** Spare a couple of hours to help spruce up the church in time for Easter. It will start at 10.30am till 1.30pm.

Pledge Envelops [are now ready for collection in church foyer.](#)

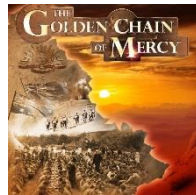
Tax receipts for Apr 2024 – March 2025 will be available by end of April/ early May. Thank you for your patience.

OTHER NOTICES

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Fri – Sun | 1-13 April | Mary McKillop Centre. Rachel Vineyard offers a beautiful opportunity for healing to anyone who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. For more information Contact Wendy Hill on 027 2549222 or email wendy@rachelvineyard.org.nz

Celebrating Ecumenism and ANZAC.

St. Gregory the Illuminator Armenian Church Council and the Armenian Society of New Zealand cordially invite you to attend the screening of the **Historic Documentary – The Golden Chain of Mercy.** This story is about Australian and New Zealand heroes and ordinary people, where in the



shadow of World War I it unveils a poignant story of survival and compassion that transcends borders. For a glimpse at the trailer of the documentary please click on the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjaq22kq9m0>

Wed | 9 April | 6:30 pm | Rialto Cinemas – Newmarket.

167/169 Broadway, Newmarket, Auckland 1023

Doors will open for mix and mingle and drinks. 7:20 pm

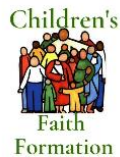
Ticket prices are. \$30.00 for adults; \$10.00 for children and those under 18 years of age.

Note: PARENTAL GUIDANCE is recommended as the documentary contains archival footage of deceased persons. Please click on the following link to purchase

<https://myetickets.co.nz/the-golden-chain-of-mercy>

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

- 9th Apr – Parish Lenten Renewal
- 10th Apr – Lenten Reconciliation
- 12th Apr – Parish Working Bee
- 13th Apr – Palm Sunday
- 15th Apr – Chrism Mass at the Cathedral @ 7.30 pm
- 25th Apr – Anzac Day
- 4th May – ICP AGM



Children's Faith Formation

Interested in the Children's Liturgy or Gospel activity sheets for your kids?

Email, contact Deborah (deborahw@cda.org.nz) OR go to the Auckland Catholic Diocese website for details <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/liturgy-prayer/liturgy-of-the-word-with-children/>

Getting Engaged / Planning a Wedding?



The Auckland Catholic Diocese has an approved Marriage preparation course for couples. Book your Marriage Preparation Course early - 1 year for NZ and 18 months for overseas weddings

Register & Book here:

<https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/discipleship/our-courses/>
For more info, contact: Gerry at gerrys@cda.org.nz
M: 021 02247442

HOLY WEEK SERVICE SCHEDULE



Palm Sunday Vigil – 12th April

Sat – 5.30pm

Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass

Palm Sunday – 13th April

Sun – 9.00am

Blessing of the Palms at the Grotto followed by a procession to the Church, and then the Holy Mass

Holy Thursday – 17th April

7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Good Friday – 18th April

2.00 pm The Way of the Cross

3:00 pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

The Easter Vigil Mass in the Holy Night – 19th April 7:00 pm

Please Bring a candle with a wax catcher

Easter Sunday Mass – 20th April

Sun – 9:00 am

Easter Monday Mass – 21st April

Mon – 9:00 am



Altar Servers Needed for Holy week (17-20th Apr)

We are seeking Altar Servers to assist during Holy week, leading up to Easter weekend.

Altar servers, kindly look at the dates below and indicate your availability. Contact **Andy Tibbits on 027 568 272 by Friday, 11th April.** (Please note that this falls during the first week of the school holidays). Duties will be assigned based on the number of servers available for each time slot. We ideally require a total of 12 altar servers (6 seniors and 6 juniors) for this period.

Dates and time servers are needed:-

17/4 Holy Thursday – 6.15pm.

Min. 6 servers needed

18/4 Good Friday services

Stations of the Cross – 1.15 pm

Min. 6 servers needed

Passion of our Lord – 2.15pm

Min. 6 servers needed

19/4 Easter Vigil Mass – 6.00pm

Min. of 6 servers needed

20/4 Easter Sunday Mass 9 a.m.

Min. 2 servers needed

Altar Service Recruitment:-

Children who have completed the Sacramental Programme and are interested in becoming altar servers, please contact Andy and a separate training can be organized.

Parish Activities

To foster community, spiritual growth, and shared fellowship, please come along to our small group activities that we have in this parish:-

Alpha Programme
Graeme White
alphaellersliecatholic@gmail.com

Divine Mercy Novena Group – Sheila D'Souza
celinsheilds@gmail.com

Faith Sharing Group
Raphael Ng
ngahthong@gmail.com

Food Bank Delivery
Evelyn Leech
sandeleech@gmail.com

Marian Mothers Grp
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

Parish History Group
Claudia Forycki
cforycki@water.co.nz

Jnr & Snr Youth Group
Anne Casey
tradebox.annecasey@yahoo.co.nz

RCI and Sacramental Prog
–Theresa Stowers
Theresa_Stowers@hotmail.com

Please pray for those who are sick, especially:

Raphael Ng, Daniel Bridge, Wilma Smith, Catherine Ng, Edward Salvatore Fleming, Lily Chua, Carrie Canapi, Jumer Cosme, Valerian Luis, Joan Luis, George Tooman, Gary Chen, Rowena Edgeworth, Alvyne Rose R. Eslava, Connee Robertson, Josie Pearson and all those recovering from surgery or needing our prayers.

We remember those who have died and for all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Joanne Cawte, Mary Cohen, O'Reilly Family, Gordon Tooman, Margaret Tooman, Leopino Foliaki, Victorino Teodoro, Margaret O'Donnell, Thomas Donaghy, Walter Voordouw, Jane Aisher, Dennis McKenna, Jack Forsman, Fr. Joe Shepherd, Leo Foliaki, Richard O'Donnell, John Hitchen, Ester Tooman, Nicholas Sokolich, Charles Stoneham, Mona Hallam, Fr. Andrew Faith, Anne Nazareth, Eric Gimblett, John Bew, Cecil Lynch, Graham Family, Phillip Gould, Dave O'Carroll, Gertrude Sullivan, Catherine Morris, Paul Dobbs, Terrens P McMullen their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, rest in peace. For additions or amendments, please e-mail the Office